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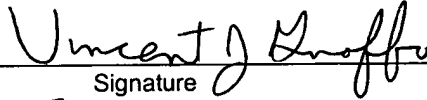
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Our Case No.: 3614/191

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In re Application of:

Vladimir Gelfandbein et al.

Serial No.: Not yet assigned

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For: IMPLANTABLE DEVICE USING
DIAMOND-LIKE CARBON
COATING

Examiner: Not yet assigned

Group Art Unit No.: Not yet assigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and

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The references now cited are the following:

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6,465,793 B1	October 15, 2002	Anders
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André Anders, Walton Fong, Ashok V. Kulkarni, Francis W. Ryan and C. Singh Bhatia, <i>Ultrathin Diamond-Like Carbon Films Deposited by Filtered Carbon Vacuum Arcs</i> , IEEE Transactions on Plasma Science, Vol. 29, No. 5, pgs. 768-775, October 2001.		
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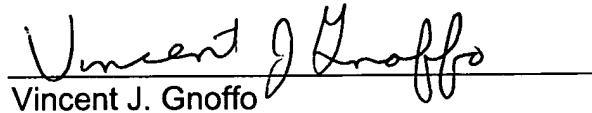
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